



National Untied Christian Women's Ministries - President, Linda McDonald

2025 REPORTS & HIGHLIGHTS

National UCWM Minutes from 2024 Session – Sis. Sharon Johnson (Wanda Turnipseed)

National UCWM Correspondence Report – Sis. Lisa Buchanan

EQUIPPING FACILITATORS REPORTS

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| Youth and Children | Olga Jackson |
| Christian Education | Lori Greer & Oka Duren |
| Mission | Linda Kennedy |
| Family | Bonita Brown |
| Seniors' Services | Connie Martin |

SERVING FACILITATORS HIGHLIGHTS

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| Prayer | June Bond |
| Program 2026 Draft | LaKiedra Kangar /Bettye Willis |
| Retreat | Arveal Johnson |
| Media | Mary Hooker |
| UCWM Store | Linda McDonald |
| Woman of the Year | Elma Smith |

DIocese PRESIDENT REPORTS

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| Eastern Diocese | Cynthia Broxton |
| North Central Diocese | Lisa Buchanan |
| Northern Diocese | Alberta Rone |
| South Central Diocese | Felicia Thomas |
| Southeastern Diocese | Jennifer Christian |
| Southwestern Diocese | Wanda Tucker |
| Western / PNW Diocese | Sheila B. Jones |

Other Reports

FOCUS on the LOCAL

Retreat 2026 – King of Prussia, PA

UNITED CHRISTIAN WOMEN MINISTRIES ANNUAL SESSION

Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia

Monday, July 22, 2024

8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast

Speaker Sister Carolyn Moore

Opening Session

Welcome/Greetings & Opening Prayer

Sister Mary Hooker, 1st Vice President

UCWM Pledge

Praise & Worship

UCWM Sisters

Enrichment Moment

Sister Shelia Jones

Moving Forward Without Fear

Isaiah 41:10 and 43:3

- Get rid of whatever is hindering your walk
- Stop driving in reverse, move forward – do not dwell on your past
- You are value to God. He has given you Power
- Trust God completely

Mission Outreach Presentation

Missionary Lillian Brown

Women Resource Center Safe House

Family Ministry Grant Awards

Sister Bonita Brown

Greater Mt. Bethel – Jackson, MS

Christ Temple Mission – Beaumont, TX

Star Hill – McComb, MS

Christ Temple Cathedral – Little Rock, AR

Higher Calling Ministries – Decatur, GA

Woman of the Year Recognitions

Sister Elma Smith

Dasia Shelton – Eastern

Judith Cureton – Northern

Veola Hopkins – North Central

Sandra Davis – South Central

Rita Jordan – Southeastern

Kimberly Banks – Southwestern

Katherine Theodore-Jones – Western

Christian Education

Christian Education Continuing Education Accomplishments:

C.M.&I/ Internet Services – 6 months

Seminars (1 hour of credit)

Women in Leadership – Conducted by Dr. Shonda Allen Hill – April 2024

Daughter of Esther Presentation

Sister Olga Jackson

Ages 5-11 Speaker Shayla Tate; discussion of her book “The Lucky Bracelet”

Ages 12-18+ Speaker Sandra M. Dixon; discussion of her book “It’s Not a Cookie So STOP Giving it Away”

President’s Observation

Sister Linda McDonald

It’s Time to Shift to a Courageous Life

- Know your purpose (know where you are supposed to be)

- Need to brace the fact that you are going to be uncomfortable
- Look where you are and examine is this where God want you to be

Business Session

Sister Linda McDonald

Reports that were accepted by common consent

Correspondence, Program, Retreat and Apparel

Reading of Minutes – were adopted

Sister Wanda Turnipseed

Financial Report – was adopted

Sister Mary Caldwell

Nomination Report 2024-2028

Sister Mary Hooker

President – Linda McDonald

1st Vice President – Mary Hooker

2nd Vice President – Helen Jackson

Secretary – Sharon Cherry

Assistant Secretary – Kyla Salone

Treasurer – Beverly Golden

Assistant Treasurer – Jacqueline Wiley

Financial Secretary – Carrie Barnes

Assistant Secretary – LaShawn Peteet Allen

Correspondence Secretary – Lisa Buchanan

Assistant Correspondence Secretary – Gail Barnes Roberts

Parliamentarian – Bonita Spencer

Assistant Parliamentarian – Vacant

A motion was moved in second to accept the nomination 2024-2028 report and report was adopted.

Closing Remarks/Dismissal

Sister Linda McDonald

Sister Wanda Turnipseed, Recording Secretary

NATIONAL UCWM CORRESPONDENCE REPORT IS BEING UPDATED

Report will be shared once updates are complete.

June 12, 2025

DOE Facilitator's Report

To: National UCWM

From: Dr. Olga W. Jackson

Greetings,

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. We thank God for His many blessings and the Daughters of Esther.

Our theme this year, A Call to Courageous Living: Unmasking Our Fears. Our presenters for our DOE ages 12–18-year-old, Sheketa Brumfield and for ages 5-11, Nell Weaver.

The DOE was blessed to host a Sensory Room Development workshop with Esquire Shala Tate. Shala has traveled extensively developing sensory rooms for various organizations. Sensory rooms are areas which are set up at different places to accommodate individuals who have difficulty with noisy or crowded places. Most often individuals on the Autism Spectrum are individuals who may benefit from this area. The goal of the sensory room is to give mothers and others the opportunity to enjoy the UCWM sessions at the convention with less worry about the temperament of their love ones.

The DOE has also a newly design t-shirt. Girls who attend the DOE workshop will receive a t-shirt as a gift. Others may order the t-shirt during the convention.

In addition, an updated Youth and Children Handbook will be available on the UCWM website after the convention.

Again, this year has been a blessing to serve.

Yours in Christ,

DR. Olga W. Jackson,

Youth and Children Facilitator



Christian Education Ministry Annual Report

To: Sis. Linda McDonald
President

From: Sis. Lori Greer & Dr. Oka Duren
CEM Facilitator

Date: July 21, 2025

Christian Education Ministry (CEM) thank the Lord for another year of blessings and opportunities to serve. The ministry has been involved in several activities this year.

- The National CEM hosted two classes: Women in Leadership, taught by President Linda McDonald, and All Rise!! – Parliamentary Procedures and Meeting Etiquette certification taught by Judge Katina Gibbs in the fall of 2024. Many sisters were blessed to participate and complete the classes.
- January was National Christian Education Month! The book that was read this year was: The 40-Day Sugar Fast, a process that begins with us giving Jesus our sugar and ends with Jesus giving us more of Himself--the only thing that can ever truly satisfy our soul's deep hunger. On this journey, we learned how to:
 - stop fixating on food and fix your eyes on Christ
 - pinpoint the triggers that send you running to sugar
 - lose weight as you gain faith
 - turn to the Most High instead of the next sugar high

Several sisters from various dioceses joined GroupMe and journeyed through the 40 days together, resulting in daily fellowship and testimony, encouraging each other.

- April 2-8, the National CEM, led the National 40 Days of Prayer. The theme this year was “It’s Prayer Time!”. The South-Central Diocese, North Central Diocese, Eastern Diocese, South Eastern Diocese, Northern Diocese, and the South Western Diocese participated in leading the daily devotion with prayer and testimony.

Upcoming learning opportunities will be announced soon!

To: Sis. Linda McDonald, UCWM President
Sis. Mary Hooker, UCWM Vice President

Subject: MISSIONS FACILITATOR REPORT

Mission Statement: To facilitate mission activities at the national, diocese and district levels.

Vision Statement: To motivate all dioceses to develop mission plans/events and implement them.

Goals: To help or facilitate each diocese in carrying out their mission plans/events

Ministry Initiatives:

1. Applied for \$500 from the UCWM Family Ministry Grant for the sisters in Honduras to assist in their family ministry goals.
2. Requested funds of \$250 from our UCWM mission account to purchase 100 personal care kits for the homeless shelter in Dallas, Texas. Kits will be distributed during the pre-convention outreach on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 to the homeless persons at the shelter.
3. Requested funds of \$500 from our UCWM mission account to donate to the victims affected by the flood disaster in Hunt, Texas.
4. Working with Sis. Felicia Thomas, host UCWM Diocese President and other Diocese Presidents/members to minister to the residents at Grace Ministries in Dallas, Texas and give them personal care items such as deodorant, soap, lotion etc.

Budget: Estimate of current operational funds is _____.

I solicit your prayers as we as a team/ministry attempt to encourage those who need it and facilitate evangelizing various regions of our country to win souls for the kingdom.

Missionary Linda Kennedy, UCWM National Mission Facilitator

National UCWM Family Ministry

To: President McDonald, Vice President Hooker, Executive Board and COCHUSA Sisters, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

The Family Ministry mission and vision is to promote family unity. We would like to create and cultivate relationships between the Diocese Facilitators & the Church Ministry teams. This will impact the communities of which our churches are located and help with the communication between the Facilitators and Ministry teams of our churches.

Achievements & Goals for 2025- 2026

✠ The 3rd Annual Virtual Family Ministry Zoom Brunch Conference was held on Saturday, January 11, 2025. beginning at 9 a.m. (Pacific) 11 a.m. (Central) & 12 p.m. (Eastern). We had three workshops with keynote speakers:

- Elder Calvin Brown- Preparing for Cancer surgery.
- 1st Lady Lisa Buchanan- Wearing lipstick during Breast Cancer treatments
- Sister Kwenda Parker, RN- Mind Matters/Wellness for all

During the 3-hour time frame, we had over 100 attendees and the information was well received. A recording was sent to the UCWM Media team by the Eastern Diocese Administrator- Missionary LaShawn Allen. The tentative plan for a 4th Conference will be discussed with the Diocese Facilitators during our next meeting in September 2025.

✠ The Family Ministry team hosted **five** Sunday Night calls in March and **six** calls during the 40 days of Prayer fellowship. We had a variety of Brothers and Sisters to lead a devotional using our theme: Family Love verse: Colossians 3:13-14. Our Sunday Night devotional Leader were-1st Lady Lisa Buchanan, Missionary Vondrenna Smithers, 1st Lady Stephanie Ervin, Sister Katherine Theodore-Jones & 1st Lady Jennifer Christian and Devotional Leaders during the week April 9th- April 15th, 2025 was as followed: Deacon Theron & Missionary Alicia Hodges, 1st Lady Lisa Buchanan, Missionary Summer Rose, 1st Lady Vondrenna Martino, Sister Katherine Theodore-Jones & Deaconess Gail Roberts. Many thanks to all the participated or called in.

✠ Two Days to celebrate Families. On Thursday, May 15, 2025, is International Day of Family & Monday, September 22nd, 2025, is National Day of Family. We will use the prayer line to call in to testify, praise, pray and celebrate both days. The call will begin at 10a.m. (Pacific), 12 a.m. (Central) & 1 p.m. (Eastern). If possible, please try to fast from 6 a.m.- 12:00 noon (your time zone). The theme: Let's love one another Family! Theme verse: John 13: 34-35. A flyer will be listed on the website with further information.

✠ Family Ministry Grant- The Family Ministry Grant Committee had a meeting on May 1st, 2025, to discuss any changes to the current application. The information was submitted to Sister Mary Hooker/Media Team to upload on the UCWM website by May 15, 2025. The deadline for application submission is July 1, 2025, awards of \$500.00 each will be given at the National Convention. For the 2025 awards, we received 6 applications, see below:

- ✠ 1.) St. Peters COCHUSA - Hazelhurst, MS.
- ✠ 2.) Christ Mission Temple- Beaumont, TX
- ✠ 3.) Second Church of Christ- Houston, TX
- ✠ 4.) Plainview COCHUSA- Baton Rouge, LA

- ✠ 5.) First Church Worship Center- Birmingham, AL
- ✠ 6.) Freedom Fellowship Church- Atlanta, GA

***In addition, an application has been translated into Spanish by Missionary Lillian Brown. She will present it to our sisters in Honduras. **One** prize of \$500.00 will be given this year. The funds will be awarded by the Missions Board Team.

***We requested that 2024 winners return pictures of each event to create a video to be viewed at the National Convention 2025.

- ✠ A breakfast meeting at the National Convention for the Diocese Family Ministry Facilitators on Saturday, July 19th @ 8:00 a.m. in the Hotel Restaurant. We will talk about the theme for the 2026 Virtual Brunch Conference, hosting the Sunday Night Prayer Calls and hosting one week during the 40 days of Prayer in 2026.
- ✠ The 4th Annual Virtual Family Ministry Zoom Brunch Conference was held on Saturday, January 10, 2026. beginning at 9 a.m. (Pacific) 11 a.m. (Central) & 12 p.m. (Eastern). We plan to secure speakers by October 2025.

Lovingly submitted,

Bonita A. Brown

Missionary Bonita A. Brown
UWCM National Family Ministry Facilitator

Senior Ministry Report

July-2025

We are pleased with the progress of the Senior Ministry activities at all levels.

A small donation, taken from the M.R. Conic Foundation Senior Education Program, was given to each diocese. These funds would provide assistance to local ministries for senior activities.

God has blessed many of us to reach our three scores and ten plus; what a blessing. Due to a limited budget, we suggested that any tangible gifts for seniors would be given to seasoned seniors of seventy-five and older, however, the senior age starts at sixty-five. I do apologize for any confusion this distinction may have caused.

The goal of the ministry is to engage mobile seniors in the church and community as much as possible and create ways to reach non mobile seniors.

I want to thank President McDonald for the opportunity to implement the Senior Ministry and serve as the first Senior Ministry Facilitator.

I am stepping down as Facilitator but I'm sure my successor will take this ministry to the next level.

As long as there is life, I believe there is purpose.

Blessings,

Connie Tate-Martin



The National UCWM's Prayer Team

2025 – 2026

National UCWM Prayer Call

Info: New Convention year begins in August 2025

The updated information will be sent to the
8 Dioceses among the Ministries and Facilitators
Family, Mission, Senior & Youth/Children.



In the past year, our prayer team have been faithful and loyal to the call to serve.

Thank God for Sheila Jones, Denice Johnson, Betty Stevens, and Beverly.

One of our team members was able to get one or two of the young ladies
to join our prayer team. Job well done.

The National UCWM Facilitators have been devoted and reliable to do the work of God
during their monthly dedication to serve.

Also, thanks and appreciation to the team during the 40 days of prayer.

*National UCWM's 40- Days of Prayer
March 5, 2025 - April 13, 2025*

*Moving forward and thanking God for his love toward us, we want to
continue to do the work of God*

*We will continue to encourage more young ladies to
become a part of our prayer team and use their talents to serve.*

*Thank God for the Prayer Team.
June Bond,
Prayer Team Facilitator*

UNITED CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Draft 2026 Program

Breakfast (TBD)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP (Sis. Sheila Bobo)

WOMEN'S EXPERIENCE SESSION

Greetings from Host Diocese

BUSINESS SESSION – President Linda McDonald, presiding

Presentation of Minutes and Reports

Video Presentation from Diocese Presidents

CELEBRATIONS

Woman of Year

Family Ministry Grant Award

A WORD FROM OUR LEADER

Introduction of President McDonald

Song -

President's Address - President Linda McDonald

Offering for the President

ENRICHMENT MOMENT

DAUGHTERS OF ESTHER, Sis. Olga Jackson, Facilitator

CLOSING

High praise closing– Sis. Shelia Bobo

Post-session Executive Team Luncheon

2025 U.C.W.M. Retreat Facilitator Report



April 16 - 19, 2026

Crown Plaza Hotel King of Prussia, PA

ALMOST HERE! The Eastern Diocese is hosting and currently planning our **2026 National U.C.W.M. Retreat**. I pray you have registered and made your hotel reservation. If not, what are you waiting for? You don't want to miss this **"JOURNEY TO JOY SISTERHOOD"** Retreat.

Please Note: DOE young ladies 13+ can now attend!

The Eastern Diocese under the leadership of Sis. Bonita Brown, coordinator, Sis. Cynthia Broxton, President and team are working hard to ensure we have an awesome time during the retreat. Registration final payment due by January 2026 if not before. Registration and payment information can be found on our UCWM Website retreat tab www.cochusa-ucwm.com

In His Service, Arveal K. Johnson

National U.C.W.M. Retreat Facilitator

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2025 NATIONAL UCWM MEDIA TEAM REPORT

NEW!! Team members received access to & training to support:

- **UCWM website-** a total of 3 team members has a log on and password and now have access & have been trained to make updates to the website. Instructions for editing the website have been shared with the entire team.
- **Sunday Night Prayer/Devotional Call-** All team members have been trained to monitor the call & record the devotional. Instructions have been provided for accessing the Free Conference Call website & link to the devotional recording.
- **Media Team email address created:** ucwmmedia@gmail.com

The National UCWM Media Team manages the following tasks over the course of the year:

- ✓ **GROUP EMAILS**
- ✓ **GROUPME App**
- ✓ **FACEBOOK POSTS** – Monday Motivation & Wednesday Recharge
- ✓ **UCWM ZOOM HOST - initiate, host & record Zoom meetings**
- ✓ **SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL/ PRAYER CALL**
 - Monitor & Record Sunday night conference call; mute callers as needed
- ✓ **WEBSITE UPDATES / POSTS-** makes updates or request updates by Studio Green
 - Post Events to Calendar as requested by Ministry Facilitator
 - Add Banners / Flyers on homepage
 - Post Weekly 'Listen to the Playback' recording and picture
- ✓ **OTHER**
 - Develop /Review recordings or flyers as requested by Ministry Teams
 - Send flyers / media to COCHUSA Announcements for dissemination
 - Take photos/record videos & publish to social medial as required
 - Other media type support requested

TEAM MEMBERS

Irene Aultman – E
Lillian Brown – SC
Mary Caldwell – SC
Mary Hooker, Facilitator – SW
Katherine Jones – W
Elma Smith - SE
Nell Weaver – SW
Carolyn Watts - N
Sharon Watts – N

United Christian Women's Ministries

The UCWM Apparel Ministry Report

July 14, 2025

The Apparel Ministry has two tables at 2025 National Convention and plans are to focus on selling the current inventory with a few added items:

1. Purple scarves
2. Purple Cups with UCWM Logo
3. Purple "Dear Lord, It Is My Prayer" t-shirts.

The devotional book Vol 2:

Sister Portia Waynick is spearheading this effort, and the book is in its final stage of editing. Plans are to pre-sell the books during the convention.

Future Goals:

1. Extend the team to ensure sustainability.
2. Structure the ministry to enable year-round sales by establishing an online presence.
3. Ensure we are branding to set us apart from others.

The finances information is on the UCWM financial report.

Reported submitted by

Linda McDonald

TO: Sister Linda McDonald
National UCWM President

FROM: Elma R. Smith
National Woman of the Year Facilitator

DATE: July 12, 2025

RE: 2025 Woman of the Year Report

The National UCWM Woman of the Year Committee met throughout the year. The Woman of the Year (WOTY) form was made a fillable document. It is our desire to post the biographies of each Woman of the Year to the UCWM Website. One thing we have done to make the “Women’s Experience” special is to print picture posters of each WOTY to be displayed beginning Thursday at the National Convention.

Seven of the eight dioceses submitted a UCWM Woman of the Year. They are:

| | DIOCESE | WOMAN OF THE YEAR |
|----|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Eastern | Missionary Norris Nicholson Booker |
| 2. | North Central | Missionary Rita Brownlee |
| 3. | Northern | Joi Adams |
| 4. | South Central | Helen Bennett-Jackson |
| 5. | Southeastern | Andrea Horne |
| 6. | Southwestern | Phyllis Nichols |
| 7. | Western | Anita McBride |

Several items have been purchased to celebrate each Woman of the Year in Dallas, TX on Monday, July 21, 2025.

Thank you, diocese presidents, for your cooperation in sending the requested information by the deadline. Thank you, Sister McDonald, for the opportunity to serve and a special thanks to my team for all of their hard work.

Blessings!

WOTY Committee Members:

Missionary Orelia Nicholson

Demetri Browe

Elma Smith

UCWM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION

July 2025

Eastern Diocese UCWM President's Report

Conquests

- WOTY Representative Missionary Norris Booker
- Two impactful Family Ministry Zoom Sessions, and Hybrid. January was our annual ED Family Prayer Breakfast by our Facilitator Missionary Valerie Goodman.
- Our 2026 National UCWM Retreat Coordinator Missionary Bonita Brown along with others will assist ladies to register and make hotel reservations at our table during our National Convention.
- A great Diocese session, our first ever Diocese Community Outreach offsite.
- Great participation with "Focus on the Local" initiative

Challenges

- The loss of nine (9) UCWM members, but the wonderful opportunity to gain even more from another church joining/merging with our Emmanuel Chapel church.
- Assisting our local UCWM bands in recruiting/motivating women/girls

Projected

- Continued Mission outreach during our Diocese session. We mailed an additional 200 plastic aprons to the Normandie Independent Living facility.
- The response from the visit was heartwarming and impactful. DOE may join us next year.

Miscellaneous

- Special thanks our new DOE Facilitator Prophetess Toni Fykes. And other dedicated officers and facilitators.
- New: Retreat mandatory registration, 80 women have begun/paid their registration, 21 rooms reserved thus far. DOE age girls are invited! Registration TBD
- We shipped a total of \$143.06 in hygiene supplies to Grace Mission- Atte: Jana Walker in Grapevine TX, (our Missions effort)

Summary

**We give God the glory, for what HE has done, will do, and is doing through us!
Courageous Living is possible! Please keep the Eastern Diocese UCWM in your prayers
as we continue to fulfill His purpose for the Kingdom.**

In His service,

Missionary Cynthia Broxton



NCDioocese

Midwest District | Missouri District | Tennessee District

United Christian Women's Ministries

NCD UCWM STATS

- Decreased membership from 110 to 94: loss of 16; DOE remained same
- 6 of the 7 churches held meetings and attended activities both in the church and the community

NCD UCWM 2024-25 GOALS

- Participate in all National UCWM activities
- Work with at least one community provider
- Create GroupMe with all First Ladies to ensure information consistency

NCD UCWM 2024-25 EVENTS

- Maintained contact with seniors/ sick/shut in through calls and cards within Diocese
- Provided free meals to community to encourage personal prayer time.
- Provided donations of school supplies to at 3 community schools in the NC Diocese.
- Encouraged and supported women to improve their health by participating in 2 health fairs in NC Diocese.
- Provided gift bags for new Believers that included spiritual reading material.
- Participated with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Supported/ volunteered for SOS CA fires and STL tornado
- Supported National and International Missionary efforts
- Provided toys for children below poverty line at Christmas



2025 UCWM- Northern Diocese President's Report

To: Linda McDonald, National UCWM President

Date: June 30, 2025

To you, President McDonald, and the National UCWM Executive Board, it is with great pleasure and humility that the Northern Diocese presents this year's report.

Last year I submitted my report stating that "God has opened up the windows of heaven" and this year I must open with that same praise report.

We have two new and amazingly talented and gifted District Presidents. Sister Christina Hardy-Smith of Michigan and Ohio, and Lady, Latoya Pryor of our Illinois-Indiana-Iowa Districts. These ladies came in full throttle by combining their spiritual knowledge along with their expertise in their professional careers. The Northern Diocese has been a recipient of the contributions of these women of God.

The morale and numbers of this Diocese have been increased these last couple of years. It is as if God has taken the film off our hearts and given us all hearts of joy. Here is a quick overview of some of the intentions that our District Presidents are working on and towards:

- Visiting the churches in their respective districts to connect, encourage and support the bands in their outreach efforts,
- Using social media and other technology to assist in creating platforms for workshops that all can participate and enjoy and help in keeping everyone up to date,
- I-I-I held a District Prayer Day that allowed the younger 30-45 to speak and grow as speakers,
- MI-OH hosting its annual monumental District Retreat that allows all women, young and older to pray, to fellowship, to dine and enjoy time together. This District makes the impossible happen with only a few...
- Both Districts extend their help to Senior Citizens, i.e. MI-OH sends monetary donations to Honduras,
- These Presidents are reaching deep to help our youth to RISE up to their full spiritual potential.

There is more, but you get the idea. Our Diocese is on the move. God was in the place during our Diocese Convention. I spoke on "Play Your Hand" as in cards. Whatever hand you're dealt in life, play it with God's help, of course. Standby for more in 2026.

Missionary Alberta Rone, UCWM Northern Diocese Pres.

*** Lady Darlene Hancock, V.P.,**

*** Sister La Tanya Harris, Correspondence Secretary**

*** Senior Bishop Dr. Dale L. Cudjoe, Presiding Prelate**

Greetings, Madam President,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I reflect on what has been a meaningful and fulfilling first year serving as President of the **South-Central Diocese**. Our diocese is comprised of six vibrant districts, each of which has demonstrated incredible commitment and service throughout the year.

Highlights from the Southeast Mississippi District:

- **October 2024:** Rock Hill COCH, USA (Pastor Richard Drummonds) hosted a Fall Fun Day. The ladies fellowshipped over a meal and celebrated October birthdays. They also attended the Laurel Fair.
District President: Sis. Novella Graves
- **November 2, 2024:** The Annual SEM Prayer Breakfast was held at Lucas Tabernacle COCH, USA, chaired by Pastor Rufus Fields. Missionary Lillian Brown delivered an inspiring message, and the Anointing Service was conducted with assistance from Sis. Fields.
- **November 17, 2024:** Rose Hill COCH, USA (Pastor Rufus Fields) hosted its Annual Women's Day, where I was honored to serve as the guest speaker.
District President: Sis. Sharon Speights
- **November 30, 2024:** The United Christian Women's Ministry (UCWM) launched the "Kindness: Pass It On" initiative. We distributed food and blessing bags to the homeless at Poindexter Park in Jackson, MS. This outreach effort was sponsored by the UCWM under my leadership.

December 2024:

- The UCWM "Ladies in Fellowship Together" and Daughters of Esther hosted a Christmas Luncheon at Greater Mount Bethel COCH, USA. Our guest speaker was Sis. Shonda Hill, First Lady of the Central Diocese.
- A district-wide Christmas Gathering brought together our sisters for a joyous time of fellowship and reflection.

February 16, 2025:

- The UCWM supported the **C.P. Jones Founders Day Program** at Cynthia COCH, USA, featuring performances by flutist Sis. Beverly Golden and saxophonist Elder Bobby Connors.

As women of God, we are called to ministry not only within our churches but also in the nurturing and development of our youth. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* We remain steadfast in our duty to serve our families and communities with love and unity.

Throughout the year, we have focused on:

- Providing essential items such as food, household goods, diapers, and wipes to families in need.
- Supporting mothers with young children.
- Promoting community outreach, including nursing home adoption, door-to-door evangelism, meals for local fire stations, voter engagement, and Women's History Month recognitions.

Strategic Focus for the Upcoming Year:

1. Launch small group sessions for L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Fellowship Together) targeting young women.
2. Establish consistent meeting schedules for improved organization and effectiveness.
3. Encourage active participation in prayer and group discussions among all women.

The Central Mississippi District UCWM convened at Sweet Rest Church of Christ (Holiness) USA for our district session. We enjoyed powerful fellowship and spiritual growth. I shared from our theme,

Matthew 16:24 – “The Call to Courageous Living.”

I encouraged the women to embody this call by embracing three key principles:

- **Lay Down** – Sacrificing self-will for God’s purpose
- **Lift Up** – Elevating the name of Jesus in all we do
- **Live Out** – Walking boldly in faith and service

Our sisters have shown unwavering dedication through Christian education, missions, family assistance, and active engagement within their communities. Their work has fully embodied the mission and pledge of the United Christian Women’s Ministry.

Highlights from the South MS District

Ladies had a great time this year. We had an opportunity to fellowship, pray, and show love one to another. We celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month, ladies in red on Women’s Day, passed out gifts to the homeless, adopted children during Christmas, and grew closer to the Lord.

Mid- South

The **Mid-South Mississippi District** experienced an exceptional year filled with spiritual growth, fellowship, and impactful ministry. We were blessed to host our very first **Prayer Breakfast**, led by our dedicated prayer facilitators, **Sis. Conerly** and **Sis. Fields**. Sis. Conerly delivered a powerful reminder of the vital role prayer plays in our daily lives and in our work for the Kingdom.

We celebrated the season of giving with a heartwarming **Christmas Fellowship** at **Greater Mount Bethel** in Jackson, bringing our sisters together in joy, unity, and reflection. Our **Daughters of Esther** were also engaged through meaningful activities designed to uplift and empower them as young women of faith.

We concluded the year on a high note with our **District Setting**, where we came together to reflect on our progress, strengthen our mission, and prepare for the work ahead. Truly, it was a year marked by purpose, connection, and the unwavering presence of God.

Each opportunity to serve and inspire each other was great! As women we are faced with many challenges

- We should always be prepared.
 - Being spiritually prepared-she should fast and pray
 - In the Flesh
 - Take care of our Temple
 - Keeping everything in order from top/bottom
- Being obedient to God's voice
 - We think we know everything, but we should be humble and take everything to Christ.
 - Be submissive
 - Pray in the right Spirit
 - Be Patient, your Boaz is coming
 - Fasting and praying to God for what you want, he will answer your prayers.
- Be merciful how you enter act with others
 - We do not display Fruit of the Spirit
 - When visitors come to our churches how do we act toward them.
- Learn to be more silent
 - Stop telling everyone what’s going on
 - If it’s something you need from the Lord, bring it to the Altar
 - Change your mind set.

In Christ’s Service,

Dr. Felicia Thomas

President, South-Central Diocese
United Christian Women’s Ministry



Southeastern Diocese UCWM Annual Report and 2024–2025 Calendar Overview

United Christian Women's Ministries (UCWM)

The Southeastern Diocese UCWM is committed to spiritual growth, service, and fellowship among women across our 11 churches : 6 in Georgia, 4 in Alabama, and 1 in Florida. During the 2024–2025 calendar year, our activities were designed to uplift, connect, and mobilize women in ministry and outreach. With intentionality, our goal is to both reach the lost and retain engagement from our current members by fostering consistent participation, connection, and purpose.

2024–2025 Activities Summary

1. FCW Coffee Shop Fellowship Events
2. HCM Generational Celebration
3. Guided Painting Class
4. Women's Day Programs (Local Churches)
5. Women's Celebration Month
6. Mother's Day Luncheon
7. Community Donations - UCWM groups coordinated donations to The Love Lady Center and Jessie's Place, supporting women and children in crisis. Contributions included clothing, toiletries, devotional books, and monetary gifts.
8. FF Pottery Class
9. HCM Discovery Groups
10. Women's Day of Fellowship
11. Monthly Encounter
12. HCM Senior Prom
13. Daughters of Esther Engagement

Diocese Structure and Engagement

Church Representation:

- Georgia: 6 churches
- Alabama: 4 churches
- Florida: 1 church

Goals for 2025 - 2026:

1. **Host at least 3 Diocese-Wide Mission Events** to create unity across state lines and encourage outreach.
2. **Reignite Inactive UCWM Groups** by identifying barriers, offering support, and partnering with local church leadership.
3. **Increase Participation** through personal outreach, flexible meeting formats, and leadership development.
4. **Engage and Mentor Young Girls** through the Daughters of Esther program at the local level.
5. **Remain Intentional in Ministry** to not only engage current members, but reach women who are disconnected, unchurched, or seeking purpose in their faith journey.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the remainder of 2025 and the upcoming year of 2026, the Southeastern Diocese UCWM remains prayerful and determined to continue creating spaces for growth, connection, and mission. We recognize that the heart of our ministry lies in both discipleship and evangelism, and we aim to be faithful stewards of every opportunity to serve, connect, and uplift.

With God's help, and through the dedication of women across our 11 churches, we look forward to seeing increased engagement, renewed commitment, and lives transformed by the power of Christ.

Submitted by: Sis. Jennifer Christian

Southeastern Diocese UCWM President

Date: July 11, 2025

Southwestern Diocese President's Report - July 2025

To: The National UCWM – Sis. Linda McDonald, President

Greetings! On behalf of the Southwestern Diocese UCWM, I would like to share with you my observations for this past year:

- Oct 3, 2024 – We held our first **Executive Board Meeting** after convention season with our newly elected and returning officers for the next 4 years. It was a good meeting via Zoom where Presidents and Facilitators made reports for their districts and ministries. We also discussed take-aways from our previous convention, keeping our theme of “TEAMed Up to SERVE” for the next 4 years and promoting it in our churches where we serve on a regular basis. We excitedly added the “Widows Ministry” as a new ministry under the UCWM umbrella and look forward to how God will use this team.
- Nov 1-3, 2024 – I was so thrilled for our “first ever” Diocese **“Marriage Retreat”** that took place in San Destin, FL. What an AWESOME time it was where couples came together and enjoyed the fellowship and fun through his and her workshops, a scavenger hunt, games with gifts, great giveaways, a date with your mate lunch and a beautiful “All White” banquet with a comedian and jazz player. We also had a FANTASTIC Retreat Team who planned for months, and I am so appreciative to ALL the ladies and their husbands that were willing to work to see the Marriage Retreat come to fruition.
- Dec 7, 2024 – We came together for our end of the year event, which was a **“Christmas Musical”** where each District represented with impressive presentations either live or through video. I was so happy that our DOE were involved with a Praise Dance and solo presentation from two of the Districts.
- Also in December, we had two UCWM members to speak on the National Prayer call on behalf of the Youth and Children’s Ministry, where the theme was **“A Heart Like Mary – How has she Influenced” you?”**
- For the month of January 2025, our Diocese **hosted the National Prayer call** once again. The theme for the month was **“Women Called to Live Courageously.”** The featured speakers were District Presidents who all did a great job on their devotionals.
- On Jan 6th, some ladies of our Diocese joined the National UCWM Christian Education in reading the book **“The 40 Day Sugar Fast”** by Wendy Speake. What a challenge this was to NOT eat any sweets or beverages with sugar for 40 whole days, but to God be the Glory for seeing all of us through and for allowing us to see that we could do it with sacrifice and determination. A GroupMe was created where ladies could encourage each other daily and share how the fast was personally going.
- In March through April of this year, we had ladies from the SWD that presented **devotionals during the 40 Days of Prayer**. We thank God for Sis. Angela Pierre, Sis. Marva Davis, Sis. Ann Scott, Sis. Phyllis Nichols, Sis. Beverly Golden, Sis. Toni Jack and Sis. Pearl Wise. I was also grateful for Sis. Mary Hooker who represented by speaking on March 24th for the “8 Words Around the Cross Series”.
- My **President’s Visits** were as follows:
 - 1) On March 7-9, I traveled with my daughter to Jackson, MS to attend **District #5’s “Women Armed & Ready Retreat”**. It was a great and spirit filled Retreat with the “SheWarriors” where the Sat evening event was titled a “SheWarrior Dinner Party” and I was so happy to receive a trophy and medallion necklace.

2) On March 22-23, I traveled by bus with **District #1 to see the Ark** in Williamstown, KY. It was good to fellowship with the ladies in the annual Friday “Fun night” with games and gifts, experience seeing the Ark and enjoying lunch at the Ark’s buffet.

3) My last visit for this church calendar year was with **District 4 in Houston, TX** for their **District UCWM session**, where their new president did a great job presiding. I appreciate them for presenting me with a large gift basket.

- We held our **pre-convention Executive Board meeting** via Zoom on May 27th where all Presidents and Facilitators made reports, gave updates and goals.
- This year our **UCWM Day** was shortened to one hour because of the “Holiness Convention” initiative. We made the best use of the allotted time with a great praise and worship opening and took care of reports. We’re grateful to have Sis. Phyllis Nichols as our WOY representative and 3 Family Ministry grant applicants. Because of the timing change, the President’s and Ministries full reports were featured in our “3rd TEAMed up to SERVE Newsletter”. Last, but of most importance, because of our Senior Ministry project, we collected donations and delivered gifts bags with multiple items to a Senior facility in Little Rock where the convention was held.
- **Upcoming** – #1 -Fall Zoom Training on “Focus on the Local” to be presented by Sis. Mary Hooker. #2 – Our year-end Christmas Event in December. #3 – Planning meetings for hosting the 2028 National UCWM Retreat with Sis. Erica Brown as Coordinator/Planner.
- **Main Goal** for this year is to REALLY put emphasis on true **TEAMwork** and promoting use of our Theme to be used in the local churches and throughout each District. I also want to make sure our Ministries have a representative from each District on their Teams and that they’re meeting and coming up with plans/ideas to present to the Diocese.

Please keep the SWD UCWM ladies in prayer as we to continue “living courageously” while remaining TEAMed up to SERVE!!!

Sis. Wanda Tucker

SWD UCWM President

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To: The National UCWM Executive Board, Sis. Linda McDonald, President

On behalf of the Western Diocese UCWM Board, I would like to make the following report.

First of all, I would like to commend the wonderful Executive Board of the Western Diocese who consist of Co-Vice Presidents, Sis. Mattie Winn and Sis. Janice Harper, as well as Sisters Cynthia Dunn, Kalliyah Dunn-Koontz, Bonita Spencer, Toni Miller, and Erica McCool. These women undergird me as we support the local bands in carrying out the mission and vision of the National UCWM. Truly, we are better together.

January, 2025 proved to be a trying start to the year as Southern California was hit with two devastating fires. The Altadena Fire touched close to home as church members and friends either lost their homes or had to evacuate because of the mass devastation from the fires. In one case, there was a loss of life. I cannot overstate how the Diocese women rallied together through prayer and donations to meet the needs of those affected. I felt led to call a special Diocese Zoom prayer session and the support, not only from our Diocese but from our National sisters including our National UCWM leadership was such a blessing. When the Saints on Standby came to Pasadena in April to provide support for the victims, Erica and I were able to represent the Western Diocese Board in offering assistance during this city-wide event.

In light of the natural disasters that happened across our country this year and in conjunction with our theme-A Call to Courageous Living, the Executive Board thought it important that our Diocese session focus on the spiritual and practical aspects of Disaster Preparedness. Our sub theme was Courage in Crisis. The ladies participated in an activity called "Timed Out" where three ladies had 5 minutes to gather selected items throughout the church (resembling a home) and evacuate. The activity was a prelude to our guest speaker's presentation and drove the point home of being prepared before a disaster strikes. The highlight of our session was the presentation given by our keynote speaker and National Saints on Standby Coordinator, Sis. Angela Pierre from the Southwestern Diocese. After giving a synopsis of the purpose and mission of Saints on Standby, Sis. Pierre gave her stirring testimony of trusting God in the midst of total devastation. She shared how she completely lost her home two separate times. The first during Hurricane Katrina and the second time during a tornado that hit several years later

The Board provided premade first aid starter bags for each lady as well as evacuation preparedness checklists. The Lord truly blessed our Diocese session.

Regarding missions and outreach, the Diocese Board has been very supportive of our youth and community efforts. We are grateful to note that through the efforts of our local bands, we have so far secured \$600.00 for our national outreach project to Grace Missions in Grapevine, TX.

In respect to our respective Districts, Sis. Mattie Winn, Northern District President and Sis. Janice Harper, Southern District President are to be highly commended for the work that they are doing.

In November, the Northern District hosted their annual Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast. I was blessed to be able to speak on their theme, "Thanksgiving-Calling All Sisters, It's Time to Pray." Afterward, I had the privilege of visiting some of the senior saints who were unable to attend the breakfast.

In February, the southern District hosted a sisterhood Black History brunch titled, Heritage and Harmony which honored not only ancestry as a people, but the precious saints within our own family and church who had Godly influences on our lives.

Both events were well attended and was a tremendous blessing to all you came.

I am grateful to report that each District has six churches with functioning UCWM bands and the Northern District has reported a growth in membership during the 2024-2025 year. These local bands under the leadership of very committed presidents have been very purposeful in reaching out to their communities as well as supporting national missions, pouring into the lives of our Daughters of Esthers, providing love and support to seniors, while cultivating deeper relationships among each other.

Some of the highlights as provided by the District Presidents are as follows:

Southern District of the Western Diocese 2024-2025

New Testament Church Los Angeles

1. Beginning of the year women's fellowship with all of NT 's women to encourage women to participate with UCWM,
2. Thanksgiving outreach, twenty families received monetary donations.
3. Christmas gifts to the senior women who are homebound.
4. Benevolence donations to women and men due to bereavement and illness
5. Cards, visits, and phone cards to women who are homebound.
6. Ride sharing /pick up of women to bring to church and other appointments as needed.
7. Support to homeless outreach
8. End of the year luncheon honoring our senior women. Crafts, candle making and jewelry making.
9. Support to other ministries of New Testament.
10. Popcorn fundraiser

Pilgrim Church Los Angeles

1. Pop- up Praise – monthly street ministry
2. Book Club – “Getting Through the Tough Stuff” by Charles Swindoll
3. January 2025 Afternoon Worship Service – “Call to Courageous Living”
4. Virtual Youth Bible/Discussion Lessons - weekly
5. Outreach to the Doors of Hope Women Shelter and The Way for Men’s Shelter; suppling clothing, toiletries, food, and money
6. Funds were given to provide holiday meals (Thanksgiving and Christmas) for The Salvation Army Long Beach, the Los Angeles Mission, and the Long Beach Rescue Mission
7. Annual funds to support COCHUSA World Mission
8. Holiday Food Basket and Love Donations to Pilgrim families
9. Love donations, cards and flowers to pilgrim members and friends for bereavement and illnesses

Christ Temple Cathedral Los Angeles

1. Day of Dignity Homeless Outreach Event – 12/11/2024, 5/15/2024, 5/28/2025
2. Christmas Gift Cards for CTC youth.

3. Greeting Cards for birthdays and bereavement
4. Mother's Day Program and Luncheon 5/4/2025
5. Boxes of Love - Food for community members in need.

Pilgrim Church Las Vegas

1. Two Women's Day Services
2. One joint Men/Women's Day Service

Christ Temple Church San Diego

1. Bannister House Long-Term Care – donation
2. Salvation Army Homeless – donation
3. Missionary Pat Lindsay – monthly donation
4. Rachael House Homeless and transition outreach – donation
5. Christ Temple children Christmas – donation
6. Paradise Valley Manor Rest home – socks and blankets outreach
7. Needy family Easter food gift card
8. Father's Day gift cards
9. Toys-for Tots Christmas – donation
10. Senior Women's Program
11. UCWM Breakfast
12. Church sponsored fellowship dinner
13. Monthly meetings every second Saturday

Starlight Church Compton

1. A luncheon to re-establish our UCWM meetings.

Northern District Highlights

All Nations Church President Sister Diane Jones has done a wonderful work this year hosting a Prayer Blanket Event that introduced a creative way to make blankets and distributing to those who are shut-in. It was wonderful Saturday event of fellowship, prayer and a lovely lunch served to all who attended. They also hosted a Book Reading Event and Discussion that brought the sisters together. Their Women's Day was a blessing to all who attended a tremendous speaker and a wonderful fellowship. Sister Diane Jones is to be commended for her faithfulness as the All Nations Church has been revamped and the unity that I sensed at each visit was a blessing indeed. They also hosted our 5th Saturday event.

Emmanuel Church under the leadership of Sister Sharla Williamson is to be commended as well. They have hosted four events across the year that have been uplifting and encouraging to the Northern District. Listed below are the events that they successfully hosted: Wrapped in Love Senior Event, Harvest Prayer Breakfast, Temple Health Event, and Whole Body (Mental, Physical and Spiritual) Workshop. Each event was a blessing to all who attended. We were greatly encouraged. The unity among the sisters has been wonderful. Our overall theme for this year locally is that we grow in relationship with our Lord and one another. This has been evident at each gathering.

Our Golden Gate Church under the leadership of Sister Emily Adams has been faithful. They are still without a Pastor but continue to support the church and the District at all events hosted by our Sister Churches. In March they hosted a beautiful UCWM Fellowship using the theme, "Gathering of Saints!" Their keynote speaker was Sister Trenny MCCollum that spoke about our Physical and Spiritual Health. It was a wonderful fellowship and all attendees received a challenge to discipline themselves in the Word of God and to care for their body the temple of the Lord.

Zion Temple church under the leadership of Sister Cherlyn Winn continues to fellowship one with another sharing in a Health and Wellness Workshop and a Local Tea. Once again they were faithful in Operation Christmas Child and worked harmonious together as they prepared the shoeboxes for distribution prior to the Christmas season.

Bethel Church UCWM is faithfully lead by the President Sister Shanita Tennison have striven to build a community of women who stay connected through their faith by growing in God's word and engaging in honest reflection. Also, Sister Shanita stressed encouraging one another to walk in truth, authenticity, and grace-both with themselves and with God. Sister Tennison has been faithful in attending local church and District gatherings.

Christ Temple Church has been faithfully led by their President, Sister Rasha Rosby. They continue to reach out to the community. They host a weekly Bible Study via Zoom and though small in number they encourage one another to earnestly contend for the faith.

Once again, all praise to God for the work He is accomplishing through the faithful commitment of the Western Diocese sisters within our local churches and districts.

Submitted July 12, 2025

Sheila Bingham Jones
Western Diocese President

FOCUS on the LOCAL Report

PURPOSE

Our Vision - how we transform an organization into ministry by....

Focusing on the needs of the LOCAL UCWMs to help them better serve the women / families/children in their respective church & church communities.

YOUR LOCAL UCWM Ministry

- **Which UCWM Ministries are you engaged in?**
- **What skills, equipment, training do you need to serve this/these ministries?**
- **What is the greatest need among women/youth/children in your Local church?**
- **What is the greatest need among women in your community?**

Statistics & Analysis

Six Zoom sessions were held on the following dates: Nov 1st , 2nd & 16th , Dec 6th, 7th and May 3rd

Number Registered: 58

Survey Responses Received: 13

Survey Questions :

1. What is the GREATEST need among the women/youth/children at your LOCAL church?
2. What are the needs of families in your Church's Community?
3. What skills, equipment and or training will you require to support these needs in your Local Church or Community?
4. Among the women/members in your LOCAL congregation, what types of skills, gifts, certifications, etc., already exist? Please list specific certification, member name and contact information.

What's Next?

1. Host a FOL for SWD as requested by President Wanda Tucker
2. Act on specific responses from surveys with support from the National/Diocese/District UCWM orgs
3. Build database of COCHUSA professionals
 - **Contacts:** Name, contact information, company, title, LinkedIn profile, notes from interactions.
 - **Skills:** Specific skills, proficiency levels, relevant projects.
 - **Resources:** Article links, books, courses, industry events, relevant companies.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Sis. Mary Hooker



UCWM **RETREAT**

<https://www.ucwm-retreat.com>

Crown Plaza Hotel - King of Prussia (Philadelphia, PA)

Thursday, April 16 - 19, 2026

Registration: \$245

Room rate: \$139 plus tax



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